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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image processing apparatus comprising:

an image processing unit an image data processing section for executing

at least one image processing operation with respect to digital image data; and

a condition setting section comprising

a set-up subsection for automatically setting initial values for image

processing conditions for the at least one image processing operation, and

a set value changing device subsection for selecting a plurality of

changed values for image processing conditions for the as to said at least one

image processing operation from among plural levels or plural combinations

which are of typically preset of image processing conditions for the at least one

image processing operation, and changing set the initial values for of said

plurality of image processing conditions from previously set values into the

changed values for the said selected plurality of image processing conditions.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The image processing apparatus as

claimed in claim 1, wherein:

said at least one image processing operation includes any one of a

sharpness processing operation, a gradation processing operation, a density

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processing operation, a color processing operation, a shielding-print processing

operation, a partial correction processing operation, a logogram/character-

synthesizing process operation, and an edging process operation; and

said image processing conditions includes include conditions selected

from as to at least one set at least one of the group consisting of execution/no

execution, strong/weak, and deep/light of one image processing operation.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The image processing apparatus as

claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

an embedding device section for embedding said changed set values of

said plurality of image processing conditions into output image data which has

been processed based on said changed set values of said plurality of image

processing conditions.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The image processing apparatus as

claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

an image processing condition coding device section for encoding said

plurality of image processing conditions in batch mode; and wherein

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said image <u>data</u> processing <u>section</u> <u>unit</u> performs said at least one image processing operation based on coded information which said plurality of image processing conditions is coded in the batch mode.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A customized printing system comprising:

an image input apparatus for inputting thereinto an image as digital image data;

an image processing apparatus comprising:

an image <u>data</u> processing <u>unit section</u> for executing at least one image processing operation with respect to digital image data, and a condition setting section <u>comprising</u>

a set-up subsection for automatically setting initial values

for image processing conditions for the at least one image

processing operation, and

a set value changing device <u>subsection</u> for selecting a plurality of <u>changed values for</u> image processing conditions <u>for the</u> as to said at least one image processing operation from among plural levels or plural combinations which are <u>of</u> typically preset of image processing conditions <u>for the at least one image processing</u>

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operation, and changing set the initial values for of said plurality of

image processing conditions from previously set values into the

changed values for the said selected plurality of image processing

conditions; and

an image output apparatus for outputting the image-processed image

data as output image data.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The customized printing system as

claimed in claim 5, wherein:

said at least one image processing operation includes any one of a

sharpness processing operation, a gradation processing operation, a density

processing operation, a color processing operation, a shielding-print processing

operation, a partial correction processing operation, a logogram/character-

synthesizing process operation, and an edging process operation; and

said image processing conditions include conditions selected from as to

at least one set at least one of the group consisting of execution/no execution,

strong/weak, and deep/light of one image processing operation.

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7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The customized printing system as

claimed in claim 5, wherein said image processing apparatus is further

comprises:

an embedding device section for embedding said changed set values of

said plurality of image processing conditions into said output image data which

has been processed based on said changed set values of said plurality of image

processing conditions.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The customized printing system as

claimed in claim 5, wherein said image processing apparatus further

comprises:

an image processing condition coding device section for encoding said

plurality of image processing conditions in batch mode; and

said image data processing apparatus performs said at least one image

processing operation based on coded information which said plurality of image

processing conditions is coded in the batch mode.

9. (ORIGINAL) The customized printing system as claimed in claim 5,

further comprising:

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a database which registers thereinto both a film identification number

and image processing conditions with respect to an image photographed on a

photographic film corresponding to said film identification number.

10. (ORIGINAL) The customized printing system as claimed in claim 9,

wherein said database is to further register information related to a customer

in connection with the image processing conditions as to a printing order of

said customer.

11. (ORIGINAL) The customized printing system as claimed in claim 10,

wherein said database is connected to a plurality of other databases via a

communication network, whereby the image processing conditions related to

said customer, which is saved in said other databases, can be utilized based on

the information related to said customer.

12. (NEW) An image processing apparatus for performing at least one

image processing operation with respect to digital image data, said image

processing apparatus comprising:

a data processing section;

a Log converter;

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a prescan memory;

a fine scan memory, wherein the data processing section and the Log

converter are operatively connected to the prescan memory and the fine scan

memory;

a prescan data processing section, wherein the prescan data processing

section is operatively connected to the prescan memory;

a condition setting section, wherein said condition setting section

comprises:

a set-up subsection for automatically setting initial values for

image processing conditions for the at least one image processing

operation,

an image processing condition coding subsection for encoding the

image processing conditions in batch mode in response to customized

requests from a customer, and

a set value changing subsection for selecting a plurality of new

image processing conditions for the at least one image processing

operation from among plural levels or plural combinations of typically

preset image processing conditions for the at least one image processing

operation, and changing the initial values for image processing

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conditions into changed values for the selected plurality of new image processing conditions; and

a fine scan data processing section, wherein the changed values from the set value changing subsection are sent to the fine scan data processing section for executing the at least one image processing operation.

13. (NEW) A customized printing system comprising:

an image input apparatus for outputting digital image data; and

an image processing apparatus for performing at least one image processing operation with respect to the digital image data, said image processing apparatus further comprising:

- a data processing section;
- a log converter;
- a prescan memory;
- a fine scan memory, wherein the data processing section and the Log converter are operatively connected to the prescan memory and the fine scan memory;
- a prescan data processing section, wherein the prescan data processing section is operatively connected to the prescan memory;

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a condition setting section, wherein said condition setting section

comprises:

a set-up subsection for automatically setting initial values

for image processing conditions for the at least one image

processing operation,

an image processing condition coding subsection for

encoding the image processing conditions in batch mode in

response to customized requests from a customer, and

a set value changing subsection for selecting a plurality of

new image processing conditions for the at least one image

processing operation from among plural levels or plural

combinations of typically preset image processing conditions for

the at least one image processing operation, and changing the

initial values for image processing conditions into changed values

for the selected plurality of new image processing conditions; and

a fine scan data processing section, wherein the changed

values from the set value changing subsection are sent to the fine

scan data processing section for executing the at least one image

processing operation; and

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an image output apparatus for outputting image-processed image

data output from the fine scan data processing section as output image

data.

14. (NEW) A method for creating a photoprint with a digital

photoprinter, which comprises:

inputting an image to an image input apparatus;

outputting digital image data corresponding to the image from the image

input apparatus to an image processing apparatus;

performing at least one image processing operation with respect to the

digital image data with the image processing apparatus, wherein the

performing of the at least one image processing operation apparatus further

comprises,

automatically setting initial values for image processing conditions for

the at least one image processing operation with a set-up subsection of the

image processing apparatus,

encoding the image processing conditions in batch mode in response to

customized requests from a customer with an image processing condition

coding subsection of the image processing apparatus,

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selecting a plurality of new image processing conditions for the at least

one image processing operation from among plural levels or plural

combinations of typically preset image processing conditions for the at least

one image processing operation, and

changing the initial values for image processing conditions into changed

values for the selected plurality of new image processing conditions with a set

value changing subsection of the image processing apparatus.

15. (NEW) The method according to claim 14, further comprising

sending the changed values from the set value changing subsection to a fine

scan data processing section for executing the at least one image processing

operation.

16. (NEW) The method according to claim 15, further comprising

outputting image data output from the fine scan data processing section to an

image output apparatus.